

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II

In December, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). A portion of the relief package is to fund the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II).

The CRRSAA requires that the emergency money be distributed to students to cover student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These eligible expenses include those considered a part of student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

To that end, the CRRSAA grant has been divided into three different funding opportunities for eligible SMSU students based on a number of criteria.

Category one students meeting the following criteria will receive \$750:

- a. Enrolled in >0 credits for term 20215
- b. Submitted a FAFSA
- c. An Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between 0 and 5711

Category two students meeting the following criteria will receive \$500

- a. Enrolled in >0 credits for term 20215
- b. Submitted a FAFSA
- c. An Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between 5712 and 12000

The following exceptions apply, students meeting the following criteria are not eligible at this time:

- a. A Minnesota State employee receiving a tuition waiver
- b. Enrolled paying the senior citizen tuition rate
- c. PSEO or concurrently enrolled student
- d. A non-degree seeking student
- e. Pursuing a graduate certification
- f. DACA student
- g. International student.

Category three Emergency CRSSAA grants will also be available and students may apply through the Academic Works website at <https://smsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/6573>.

Financial aid will notify students when the funds are to be distributed. Students are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit in order to receive their funds. You may do this by logging into **E-services** and clicking through the following links, **Financial Aid, Direct Deposit Setup, and Add**

Direct Deposit Account. You will need your bank routing number and checking or savings account number. Students who do not sign up for direct deposit will receive a check via mail.

If you have any questions about these grants, please contact the Financial Aid office at financialaid@smsu.edu or by calling 1-507-537- 6281. Additional information is available at the [COVID-19 student information section](#) of the SMSU webpages.